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RE: Response to Comments
Mitigated Negative Declaration
Laguna Boardwalk Reconstruction, MacKerricher State Park
SCH# 200542039

Dear Mr. Floerke:

Thank you for your comments regarding the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the above project. Your interest in this project is appreciated and it is hoped that the following responses will help to answer some of your questions and concerns regarding this project.

1. Environmental filing fee.

Your comments indicate that an environmental filing fee is required under Fish and Game Code Section 711.4(d).

DPR will file a Notice of Determination with OPR. DPR has issued a check, #366-141616, payable to DFG/OPR, and will submit that check to OPR when filing the Notice of Determination.

2. Assessment of flora and fauna.

An assessment of the flora and fauna has been conducted and is contained within the draft MND. Please see Chapter 3, Section IV. Biological Resources. DPR will be conducting a further assessment this spring to avoid CESA species. DPR will also conduct mitigation for CNPS 1B plants that cannot be avoided.

3. CESA permit.

Implementation of the mitigation measures contained within the MND are anticipated to reduce impacts to special status species to a less than significant level. DPR has had ongoing informal consultation with USFWS.

4. Streambed Alteration Agreement.

There is no stream in the proposed project area.

Thank you again for your comments. If you have any questions, I may be reached at (916) 445-8827 or gsevr@parks.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Gail Sevens
Environmental Coordinator